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NEW INITIATIVES FOR A N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give a fresh look for growth in view of several new initiatives taken after Tsunami-devastation in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the growth rate achieved by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration during the last plan period and proposes to achieve in the current plan period; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to achieve the objectives during the current plan in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing an Action Plan to restore and upgrade the infrastructure damaged and to rehabilitate the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands affected by the Tsunami that occurred on December 26, 2004. This plan includes rebuilding of roads, ports, jetties, fish landing centres and construction of planned temporary and permanent shelters along with social infrastructure such as schools, health centres, community buildings etc. The plan is monitored by an Empowered Group of Ministers headed by the Hon'ble Home Minister.

(c): In Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the estimated growth rate in the Tenth Plan is 5.90% and the target growth rate for the Eleventh Plan is 6.72%.

(d): In Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the thrust areas in the Eleventh Plan are improvements in connectivity, development of fisheries and agriculture, implementation of rural development programmes, water supply schemes and promotion of tourism, small and medium enterprises.